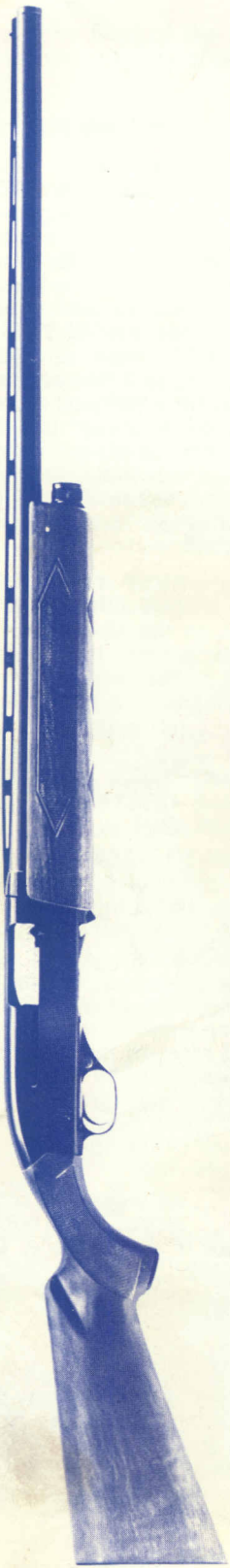
Instructions for your WINCHESTER® Model 1400 Automatic Shotgun



SAFETY WARNING

SAFETY WARNING: Failure to obey a safety warning may result in injury to you or to others.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MODEL 1400

SAFETY WARNING **CAUTION — ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Prior to using live ammunition, familiarize yourself thoroughly with these operating instructions. Get accustomed to the feel of your new gun — know the forces required to operate the action, to pull the trigger and above all, **KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE SAFETY** which, on this shotgun, is on the trigger guard. The safety is placed in the "on" position when pushed from left to right until the red "warning" ring disappears. When the red ring is visible on the left side of the safety, it is in the "off" position, and the gun is ready to fire. The safety can only be placed in the "on" position when the hammer is cocked.

SAFETY WARNING **KEEP YOUR FINGERS CLEAR OF THE EJECTION PORT.** The breech bolt on the Model 1400, like most all automatic actions, is under strong spring tension and closes very swiftly. If closed on a finger, it will cause a painful injury.

SAFETY WARNING **IMPORTANT — CLEAN THE INSIDE OF THE BARREL AND CHAMBER TO REMOVE ALL GREASE AND OTHER POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FIRING YOUR GUN.**

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR MODEL 1400 — Protect your gun with good gun care products. Give it regular attention, and it will provide you with many years of shooting fun.

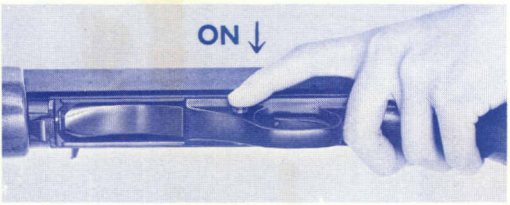
REMEMBER — RUST IS NEGLECT — Make sure all exposed metal surfaces are coated with a film of oil. After being subjected to damp weather thoroughly wipe out the bore and wipe off the metal surfaces. Then apply a new film of oil. If exposed to a soaking rain, snow or salt spray a more thorough cleaning and oiling may be necessary, requiring removal of the trigger guard and breech bolt assemblies.

SAFETY WARNING Between seasons, apply a coat of grease to the bore and metal parts and store in a dry place. **DO NOT PLUG THE BARREL,** or store in a case that is made of a fabric or material which will absorb the lubricant from the gun.

IMPORTANT — With the barrel removed from the receiver do not allow the breech bolt to close unrestricted. Repeated, full force, closing of the bolt with the barrel off will abuse the action parts. Instead, grasp the cocking handle before pushing the action release button and permit the action to close slowly.

TO ASSEMBLE

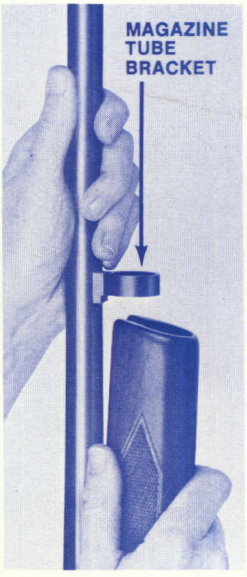
SAFETY WARNING 1. **MAKE SURE THE GUN IS NOT LOADED AND THE SAFETY IS IN THE "ON" POSITION.**

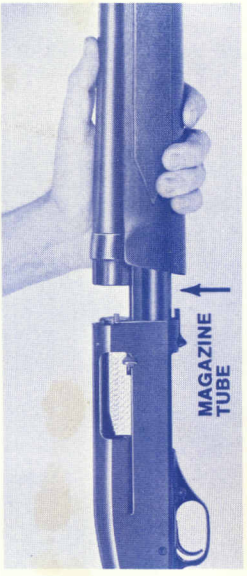


2. Unscrew and remove the valve cap assembly from the magazine tube.

3. Slide the forearm forward and off the magazine tube.

4. Place the forearm against the barrel as illustrated and slide the forearm forward over the magazine bracket. The magazine bracket on the barrel should be completely hidden by the forearm.

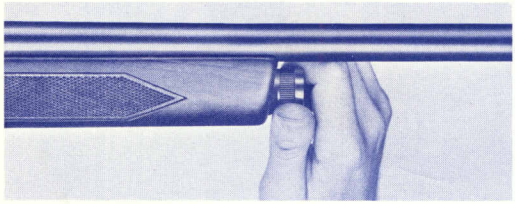




5. Carefully place the breech bolt in the forward position as previously instructed.

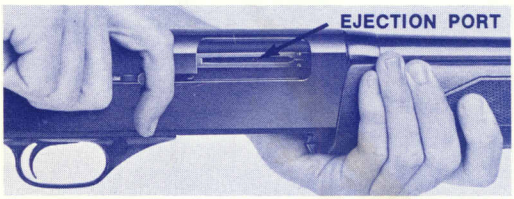
6. Holding the barrel-forearm combination in one hand, insert the magazine tube into the opening in the rear of the forearm. Slide the barrel and forearm together back as far as it will go. There should be no space between the front of the receiver and the matching shoulder on the barrel.

7. Replace the valve assembly back onto the magazine and turn until "hand tight".

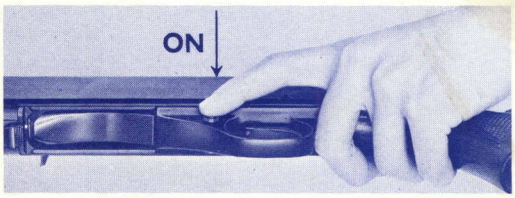


SAFETY WARNING **HOW TO LOAD — USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION REFERENCED BY THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BARREL. BEFORE LOADING YOUR GUN BE SURE ALL GREASE AND OIL HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BARREL AND CHAMBER, AND THERE IS NO OBSTRUCTION.**

1. Pull the cocking handle all the way back until the breech bolt latches open.

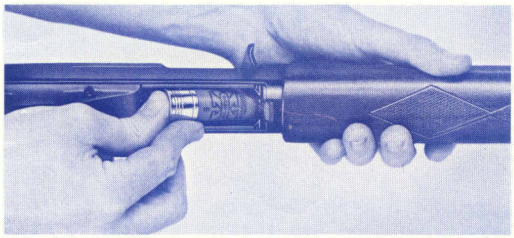


SAFETY WARNING 2. **PLACE THE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION.** The chamber can now be loaded by inserting a shell directly into the ejection port.



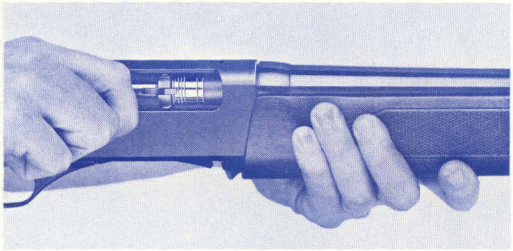
SAFETY WARNING 3. **KEEP YOUR FINGERS CLEAR OF THE EJECTION PORT** and press the action release button on the under side of the receiver. The action will snap closed placing the shell in the chamber. The gun is now ready to be fired single shot.

SAFETY WARNING 4. **LOADING THE MAGAZINE — WITH THE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION** and the action closed, push the shot shell upwards against the carrier and forward into the magazine. There will be a "click" as the cutoff (the part that holds the shell in the magazine tube) snaps into position.



5. Repeat the previous step to load the second shell into the magazine tube, again making sure the cutoff has snapped into position.

SAFETY WARNING **TO UNLOAD THE CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE — BE SURE THE SAFETY IS IN THE "ON" POSITION (THE RED WARNING BAND MUST NOT BE VISIBLE).**



1. Pull the cocking handle all the way back, extracting and ejecting the shell from the chamber.

2. Release the cocking handle allowing the bolt to close. Repeat this operation until the gun is empty. After the last shell is ejected the breech bolt will latch in the open position.

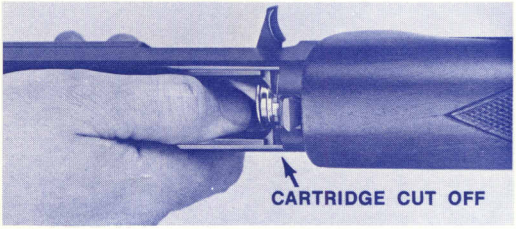
SAFETY WARNING **IMPORTANT — ALWAYS VISUALLY CHECK AND KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOUR GUN IS NOT LOADED, BY VIEWING BOTH THE CHAMBER AND THE MAGAZINE THROUGH THE OPEN ACTION.**

ALTERNATE WAY TO UNLOAD — The shells can be removed from the magazine first by:

SAFETY WARNING 1. **PLACE THE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION.**

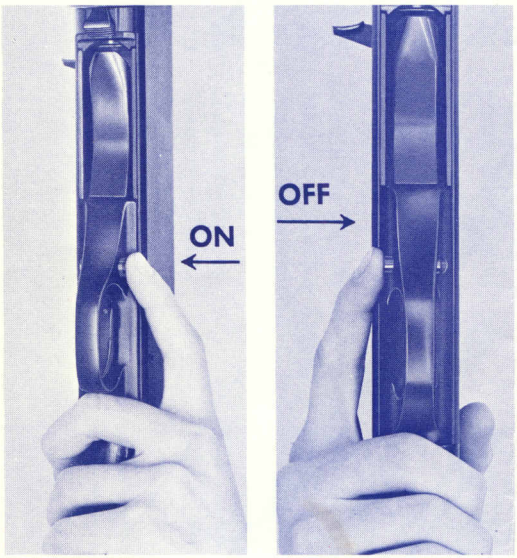
2. Turn the gun over so the trigger guard is up, then push the carrier down as far as it will go.

3. Push inward on the cartridge cutoff on the right releasing the shell from the magazine. Press the cutoff again to release the second shell.



SAFETY WARNING 4. **WITH THE SAFETY STILL IN THE "ON" POSITION,** pull the cocking handle all the way back to remove the shell from the chamber.

SAFETY WARNING **HOW TO FIRE — WITH THE SAFETY "ON"** load your gun as previously instructed. When ready to shoot, firmly shoulder your gun and push the safety to the "off" position exposing the red warning ring. Aim, and when on target pull the trigger to fire.

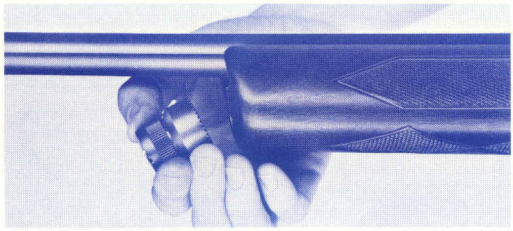


SAFETY WARNING When fired, the Model 1400's automatic action will eject the fired shell, cock the hammer and on closing will place a new shell from the magazine into the chamber ready for the next shot. When the last shell in the gun is fired the action will remain open and convenient for reloading. **WHEN THROUGH FIRING ALWAYS PUT THE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION.**

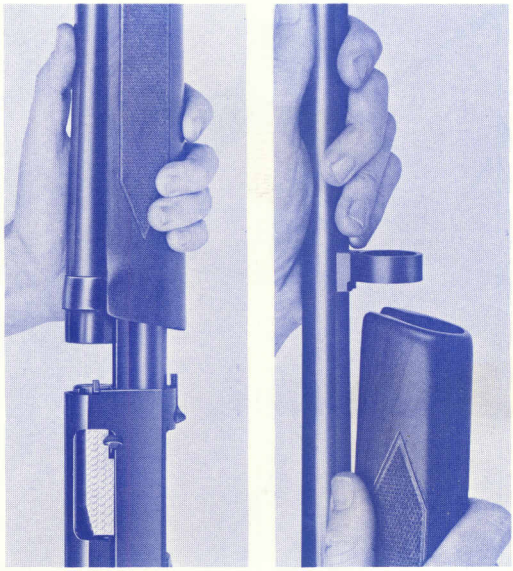
SAFETY WARNING **TO TAKE DOWN** — 1. **OPEN THE ACTION AND MAKE SURE THE GUN IS NOT LOADED.**

2. Close the action and **PLACE THE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION.**

3. Unscrew and remove the valve assembly from the magazine.



4. To remove the barrel, slide the barrel and forearm forward as a single unit until the forearm clears the end of the magazine tube.

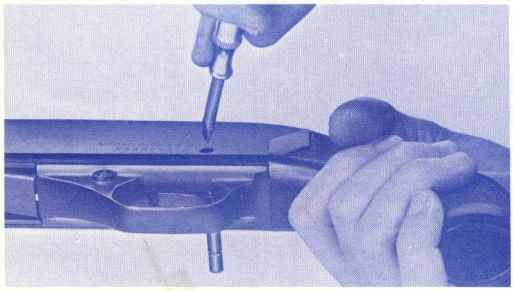


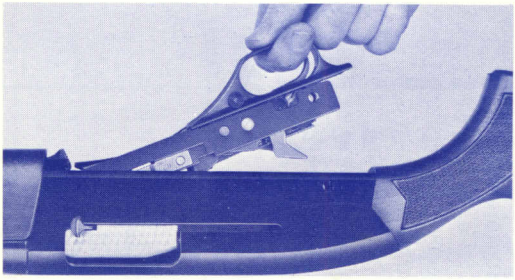
5. Remove the forearm from the barrel by sliding the forearm to the rear and lifting free of the magazine bracket on the barrel.

TO REMOVE THE BREECH BOLT

1. Remove the barrel and forearm as explained earlier.

SAFETY WARNING 2. **BE SURE GUN IS UNLOADED. CLOSE ACTION, PUSH SAFETY TO "ON" POSITION,** turn gun until trigger guard is up, and push out trigger guard pin from left.

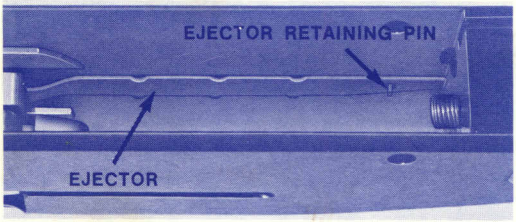




3. Lift trigger group out of receiver by pulling on trigger guard.

4. Do not pull trigger after disassembly.

5. Remove the ejector (the flat spring like piece that fits along the inside wall of the receiver) by bending the rear section of the ejector inward just enough to disengage the small retaining pin in the side of the receiver. Pull the ejector out the barrel hole in the front of the receiver.



SAFETY WARNING 6. **THE PISTON IS UNDER SPRING TENSION. WITH THE GUN UPRIGHT AND THE MAGAZINE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION,** insert a screw driver or a suitable rod into the coils of the closing spring at the forward end of the slot in the top of the magazine tube. Draw back on the tool relieving the tension from the piston. While holding the spring compressed, remove the piston pin that connects the slide arms to the piston. Place your free hand over the end of the magazine tube, then remove the tool from the coils and withdraw the piston and closing spring from the end of the tube. Disconnect and remove the slide arms from the receiver.

7. Remove the cocking handle bridge screw (the screw in the underside of the bolt assembly). The firing pin is under spring tension and will snap out of the rear of the breech bolt when the cocking handle bridge is lifted from the breech bolt slide. Remove the firing pin and spring.

8. Slide the breech bolt with the cocking handle to the rear of the receiver. Grasp the cocking handle and by tipping and manipulating the handle, remove the cocking handle bridge out through the ejection port in the receiver. Now the breech bolt assembly may be lifted out or slid out the front of the receiver. For routine cleaning no further dismantling is necessary.

TO REINSTALL THE BREECH BOLT ASSEMBLY

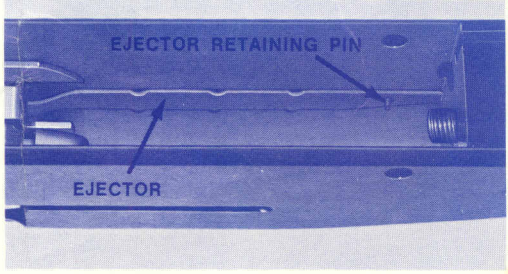
1. Insert the breech bolt assembly through the front of the receiver and move the assembly to the rear of the receiver. Holding the cocking handle, insert the bridge section in through the ejection port. Then by tipping and manipulating the cocking handle place the bridge into position on the breech bolt slide. Slide the assembly forward in the receiver, then lift up the rear of the cocking handle bridge and insert the firing pin with the firing pin spring into the back of the breech bolt. When the firing pin is in position lower the rear of the bridge so the tail of the bridge enters the groove in the firing pin, to hold it in place. Next, install the bridge screw, securing the bridge to the bolt slide.

2. Insert the slide arms into the receiver and connect the arms with the matching notches in the cocking handle bridge.

3. Place the end of the closing spring having the smaller coils into the end of the magazine tube. Place a screw driver or a suitable tool into coils of the closing spring through the forward end of the slot in the tube and between the slide arms. Position the piston into the tube so the 3 holes in the piston are up and with the larger single hole to the rear.

SAFETY WARNING **WITH THE MAGAZINE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION,** draw back on the tool, compressing the closing spring. Align the larger hole in the piston with the hole in the forward end of the slide arms. Insert the piston pin through the hole in the slide arm and into the piston. Then remove the tool releasing the spring.

HOW TO INSTALL THE EJECTOR — With the bowed side toward the breech bolt, slide the flat end of the ejector through the barrel hole in the receiver and down between the breech bolt slide and the left inside wall of the receiver. Bend the rear of the ejector slightly inward and connect the ejector with the retaining pin in the side of the receiver.

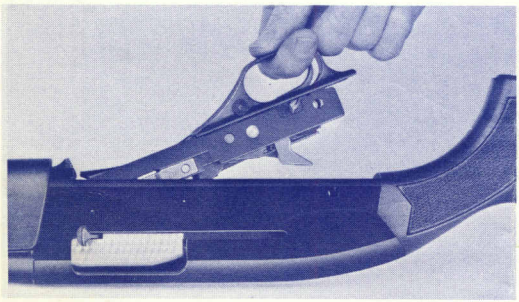


SAFETY WARNING TO REINSTALL THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY

1. With the hammer cocked and the **SAFETY ON** place the forward end of the guard assembly into the receiver. Locate the slide

supports (the flat bars on the sides of the assembly) into the mating notches in the throat of the magazine.

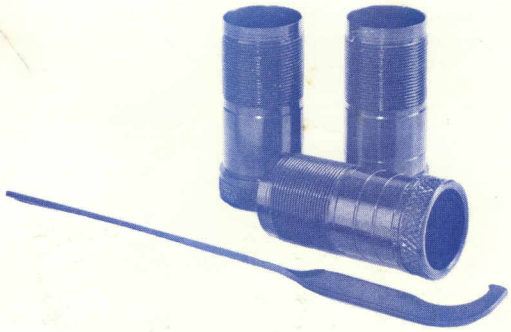
2. Pivot the rear of the guard into the receiver and insert the trigger guard pin into the right side of the receiver.



INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF THE WINCHOKE

REMOVAL — To remove the WINCHOKE from the barrel, insert the projection on the special WINCHOKE tool into the hole on the knurled portion of WINCHOKE tube and turn counterclockwise.

INSTALLATION — The WINCHOKE should be snugly fitted, but not over-tightened for ease of removal later and possible damage to the barrel. The WINCHOKE has a right hand thread and with the aid of the special tool simply screw the tube of your choice into the muzzle of the barrel.



TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARMS SAFETY

A good hunter is a safe hunter. He knows there is no place for horseplay in hunting. He learns and obeys the commandments of firearms safety and insists that his companions know and follow them, too.

Every hunter — whether novice or experienced outdoorsman — should review these commandments before each hunting season to be sure that his gun handling, both at home and in the field, sets a good example for others.

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.

2. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstruction.

4. Never point your gun at anything you do not want to shoot.

5. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.

6. Avoid alcoholic beverages both before and during shooting.

7. Never climb a tree or cross a fence with a loaded gun.

8. Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or the surface of water. Make sure you have a safe backstop.

9. Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your camp, car or home.

10. Store guns and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children.

SAFETY WARNING It is recommended that **SHOOTING GLASSES** be worn at all times and that **EAR PROTECTION** be utilized where practical.

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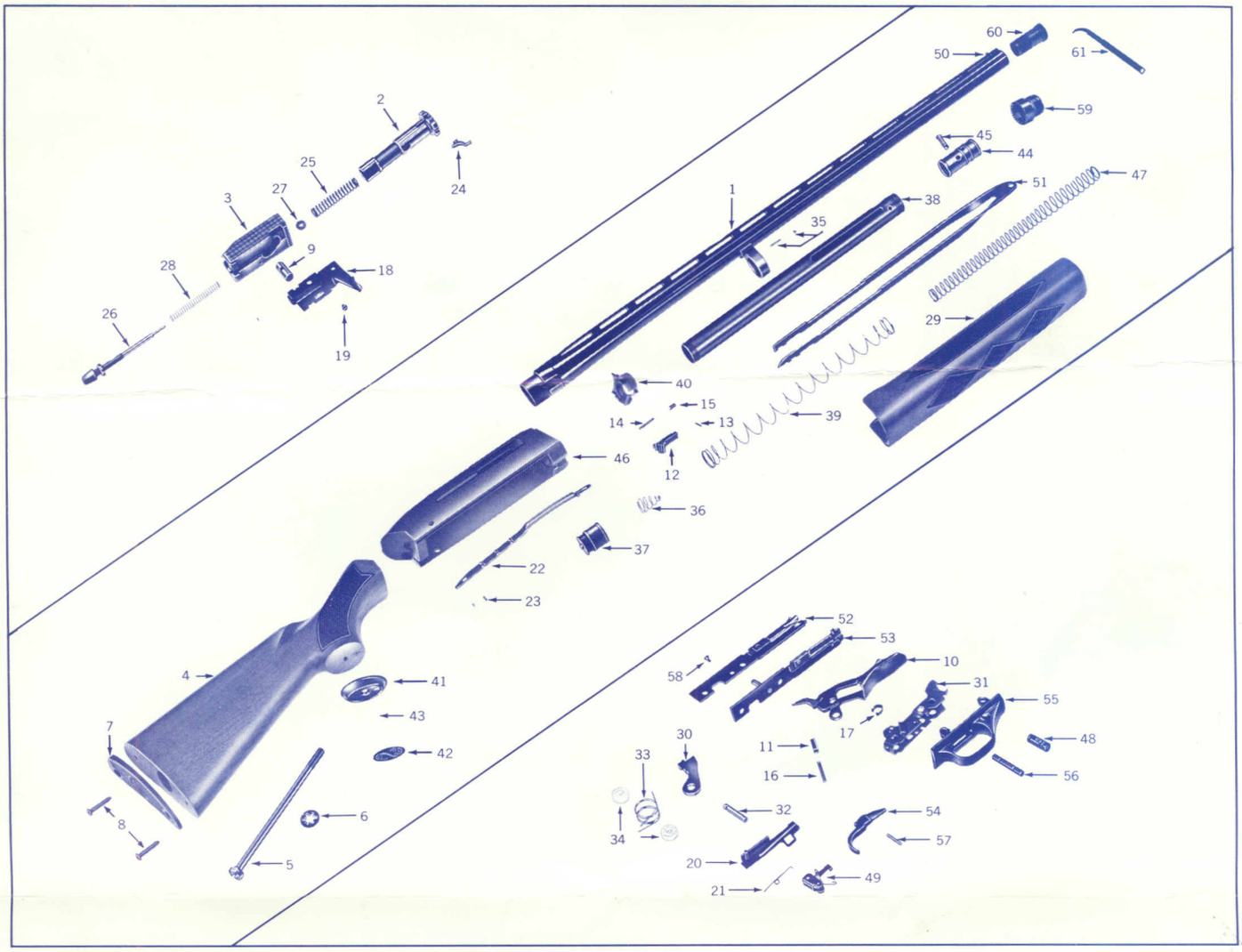

MODEL 1400 NOMENCLATURE

Parts may be ordered directly from Winchester Product Service Dept. Please specify part number, part name, serial #, gauge, chamber length, and grade (i.e., Field, V.R., etc.).

Reference Number	Part Description	Reference Number	Part Description	Reference Number	Part Description
1	Barrel	21	Disconnector Spring	41	Pistol Grip Cap
2	Breech Bolt	22	Ejector	42	Pistol Grip Cap Insert
3	Breech Bolt Slide	23	Ejector Retaining Pin	43	Pistol Grip Cap Screw
4	Buttstock	24	Extractor	44	Piston
5	Buttstock Bolt	25	Extractor Spring	45	Piston Pin
6	Buttstock Bolt Washer	26	Firing Pin	**46	Receiver
7	Buttplate	27	Firing Pin Collar	47	Return Spring
8	Buttplate Screw (2 Required)	28	Firing Pin Spring	48	Safety
9	Cam Pin	29	Forearm	49	Sear Assembly
10	Carrier Assembly	30	Hammer	50	Sight — Front
11	Carrier Plunger	31	Hammer Housing	51	Slide Arm
12	Carrier Release	32	Hammer Pin	52	Slide Support W/Cutoff-Left Hand
13	Carrier Release Pin	33	Hammer Spring	53	Slide Support W/Cutoff-Right Hand
14	Carrier Release Spring	34	Hammer Spring Support	†54	Trigger Assembly
15	Carrier Release Spring Retainer		(2 Required)	55	Trigger Guard
16	Carrier Spring	35	Magazine Cap Retainer & Spring	56	Trigger Guard Pin
17	Carrier Support Spring	36	Magazine Damper Spring	†57	Trigger Pin
18	Cocking Handle Bridge	37	Magazine Follower	58	Trigger Stop Pin Screw
19	Cocking Handle Bridge Retaining Screw	38	Magazine Tube	59	Valve Cap Assembly
		39	Magazine Spring	60	Winchoke Tube
20	Disconnector Assembly	40	Magazine Throat	61	Winchoke Spanner Wrench

**Sold for factory installation only — return complete firearm.

†Not sold to consumers. Installation must be made by a gunsmith. Orders from dealers and distributors will be accepted on the understanding that the parts will be fitted by a gunsmith.